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### News Summary.

**Foreign.**—Cetewayo, Zulu king, reported to be killed. Cholera in Cairo runs to 558 deaths in one day, including foreigners; perhaps also in London; we need a strict quarantine. Prof. O. C. Marsh, of Yale, elected into the Munich Academy of Science, for finding five-toed horses, and such, out West. English nation goes back on De Lesseps' Suez Canal arrangements. French papers gently touch up "Préfète Albion." Carey, the Irish informer, said to have been colonized. American rifle team treated well for having been whipped; entertained by Lord Mayor of London, etc.—Russian students being arrested for nihilism. Capt. Leitch, commodore of Cypriot fleet, dead. Leprosy ravages in Egypt. China resists beef for French in Tonquin. English Renshaws beat Philadelphia Clarks at lawn tennis, twice.—Gen. E. O. C. Ord dies of yellow fever, in Havana; Yellow Jack in command in Cuba; diseases, this season, abroad and at home, appear to attack stomach and bowels. English beat Americans by 1,951 against 1,900 points in rifle match. Russian Government inquires as to civil rights of Jews in other lands.—Burmese embassy at Venice.—Over 5,000 Irish emigrants "assisted" during past three months.

**Domestic.**—Capt. Webb, champion swimmer, undertakes to swim Niagara whirlpool; is drowned on Wednesday; body not yet recovered.—Longfellow died worth \$356,320, as per recent appraisement.—Tornado in Michigan, and another very destructive at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove and Atlantic Highlands.—Reunion of Christian and Sanitary Commissions and Army Chaplains at Ocean Grove.—American Rapid Company compromises with striking telegraphers; general strike still continues.—Hovey, murderer, respite until October 19.—Many "fresh air" excursions.

Cigar makers still locked out; efforts to settle cloak-makers' strike.—Terrible loss of life at North Point, Tivoli, near Baltimore; wharf breaks down; sixty or more persons killed.—Mrs. Langtry and the Salvation Army chiefs sail together on Alaska; Gebhard and Talboys left sorrowful on the wharf; many satirical comments by newspapers.—Washington Market, New York, being torn down.—President Arthur at Cape May and by sea to New York.—Ex-Congressman Ginery Twitchell, whose first name so tickled Dickens, dead at Brookline, Mass.

Fire—Munro (Seaside Library) building.—Glen Island Starin home from Europe; procession of steamboats, tugs, etc., to meet him down the harbor.—Lots of summer resort racing; thin jockeys, weak little horses, big gamblers, and "pools" after the manner of the Dead Sea above Sodom and Gomorrah.—Roundsmen Brady pushed from Elevated R. R. and killed.—Ninth Regiment home again.—Dennis Kearney spoke at Cooper Institute; same old style.—Police Pension Fund reported to be a failure in New York.—Yellow fever case in Philadelphia.—Majority report in Tewksbury case accepted by legislature.—Levy (corner player) and wife divorced.

### About Town.

The old Horace Pierson homestead on Broad Street has been purchased by Mr. R. W. Gardner, its present occupant. A new fence has been placed around the Stout property, now occupied by C. M. Squires, on Franklin Street, much to the improvement of the place.

The machinery and other tools of Hague's belt factory were sold on July 18 under foreclosure proceedings by Smith E. Perry, auctioneer.

A reunion of delegates of the Christian and Sanitary Commissions and of Army Chaplains was held at Ocean Grove, July 22-24. Chaplain E. D. Simons and Rev. S. W. Duffield were present.

Mr. Richard Norwood, an old resident of our village, died on Sunday last at the house of his son-in-law, Mr. C. C. Corby, in Montclair. His death is supposed to have been the result of heart disease.

A delegation from W. S. Pierson Post, G. A. R., attended the camp fire on Monday evening at Caledonian Park, Newark, given by Phil. Kearney Post, of that city. All expressed themselves as being well pleased with their reception.

The Turn and Singing Society of this place will hold a picnic at Weaver's Grove on Monday evening, July 30. Societies from other places will be present and take part in the festivities.

On Saturday night last a slight fire occurred in the saloon on Bloomfield Avenue, near the Centre, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp; the damage done was principally to the billiard table; it will not exceed \$25.

Messrs. Slater & Chew have found their present quarters too small for their increasing business, so they have agreed with Miss Condit to exchange locations; they will move into the store now occupied by Miss Condit, about August 1.

A citizen suggests—and we heartily endorse the suggestion—that the gas company be requested to paint the street lamp posts a dark green; their present color is sort of "indescribable red."

The town rowdies were out again Wednesday evening in full force, removing all loose property from stores and in other ways making themselves detestable; an example should certainly be made of a few of the gang.

Inadvertently we shot the arrow over the house last week, and hit the Kearney Record. We always try to bring down something, but this time it was the wrong bird. We ought to have slaughtered the Somerville Unionist-Gazette, which is too bright and good a journal not to be censured for omitting to credit its neighbors.

Some gentlemen interested in our Fire Association have purchased a lot and will at once commence the erection of a truck house. The lot is on Glenwood Ave., west of Mr. A. Spragg's billiard saloon, but separated from it by a sixteen-foot alley. The plan for the building has been prepared by Mr. R. Napier Anderson, of Glen Ridge. It is to be one story high, 16x50 feet; Mr. Charles Lockwood builder; total cost, about \$2,000.

By the burning of the Munro building in New York, this week, the firm of Handy & Walters, of which Mr. Richard Handy is senior partner, lost about \$3,000. We trust this may not entail any serious inconvenience, but they will be consequently be somewhat hindered in filling. Insurance covers the loss, but does not free them from annoying delay.

Navigation on the canal has been delayed for several days at this place, by the breaking of the water wheel at the inclined plane. On Monday, about 5 P. M., as the car was descending with a loaded boat, the wheel gave way; and as no other was on hand, work was immediately sent to the company's foundry at Phillipsburg, N. J., and a new one made, causing a delay of several days. The canal is now blocked for several miles above the plane with boats; a large number are also lying below the lock.

It is reported that several families of one hundred miles away from Montclair are trying a new remedy for "malaria." It consists in the cheap and easily procured article of fresh water, which is put into a pail and placed under the bed. Whether reliance is placed on the pine wood, or the fresh water, or the particular situation, or all three combined, we really do not pretend to know. But as "malaria" might happen to be imported to Bloomfield by immigrants from Montclair, we shall be glad to learn whether the remedy is as effectual as the disease.

**Brookdale.**—Mr. Oddfellow, of Brookdale, wants to know why Bloomfield is so ultra on the water question. The lower half of the town has all the drinking places already. Are they still unable to quench their insatiable thirst?

The berry season is over with us. We learn that one of our north end citizens has sold over four thousand quarts this year. The fruit has been very fine, but prices were lower than usual.

Now for the tomatoes and sweet corn! Potatoes are very fine and in great abundance.

The roads of our town were never in better condition at this time of year than now. There has been more driving through Brookdale; the smooth roads, the rural scenery, the higher ground, giving pure air and distant views, are attracting many from the surrounding towns, and almost any pleasant afternoon the upper end of town is enlivened by equipages that would do honor to Central Park. Passaic, Clifton, Paterson, and Montclair are learning where real comfort may be found by a drive in this locality. There is much to attract and very little to offend the most fastidious in this whole rural district. And our excellent system of road management is bringing the town into a position where its advantages can be seen and appreciated by our neighbors.

### Montclair Items.

The sprinkler on Bloomfield Avenue is a decided success. Business men and all who drive over the avenue find that the work is well done.

The Methodist church on Fullerton Avenue has been renovated and cleaned, and its interior is brightened up considerably.

The Presbyterian church has replaced the large window in front which was blown out several weeks ago.

Montclair Hook & Ladder Co. No. One, at its last meeting, elected two new members. This (Saturday) evening, the 26th, at 8:30, they have a drill.

Our constables appeared Saturday last in their new uniforms of metropolitan blue, frock military single breasted coat, with one row of police buttons; white cord on trousers, black belt, club shield, and black helmet hat; it is a decided improvement.

Dr. A. J. Wright and wife have returned from their trip, and report an enjoyable time. The Doctor attended the annual meeting of the N. J. State Dental Society at the Coleman House, Asbury Park, and was elected a member.

Preparations for the Harvest Home Festival at Upper Montclair are progressing favorably, and the committee in charge intend to eclipse all former efforts.

The new school house at Upper Montclair is rapidly approaching completion, and it will prove to be both ornamental and very useful.

It would be a great improvement if our Town Committee would pass an ordinance requiring property holders to trim their shade trees so that people could walk along the sidewalk with an umbrella up, or ride up to the curb in a carriage, without running into the boughs.

The Times expresses the opinion of the members of M. H. & L. Co. No. 1, and of all interested, that the town authorities should provide some central location, and hire or erect a suitable house for quarters for the truck and fire company, as much valuable time will be lost in bringing the truck up town, most of the members having to run to the truck from up town.

### Montgomery.

This village is romantically situated on the line of the New York & Greenwood Lake R. R. It is intersected on either side by Second River and the Morris Canal. It contains about fifty dwellings, one school house, two manufactories, one railroad station, one high hill, four mules, twenty-five mongrel dogs, one goat, and one parrot. The village contains within its boundaries several picturesque hooks and cozy corners, among which are Lovers' Lane, Buttonball Alley, Bull's Head, Lauretta Lake, Canal Place, Parrot Lawn, and Scrub Hill. It is a great place of summer resort—especially for fishermen on Sundays. The railroad station is a marvel of unique architecture; one pillar supporting the whole structure. Another peculiarity is, that the ceiling is always getting higher; it is built in the Queen Anne style, with Eastlake decorations. It always open to public use both day and night, and is often utilized for other than its legitimate purposes. The ticket agent is away at present on his vacation; he has been granted an indefinite leave of absence. The telegraphic and telephonic operations are conducted on the silent system, avoiding the noisy disturbance of waiting passengers.

The school building is another of the peculiar institutions of this place. It consists of the Primary department and the High School; the first is so named because the benches and desks are among the first that were made for school purposes. The High School is an empty room in the second story. Efforts have been made to remodel the old shell, but there are too many of the notion that, what was good enough for our fathers is good enough for our children, forgetting that this building is deteriorating, while those in neighboring villages are improving; because one man who once went to school here has stood on the floors of Congress does not constitute an argument in favor of retaining old and worn out means and methods of educating the rising generation. The news from this quarter is meagre.

The old Kennedy paper mill is being fitted up for the manufacture of chemicals.—The Harrison estate is offered for sale at half its real value.—The city boarders are arriving.—Business is somewhat dull.—The flies are becoming numerous.—Mushrooms are making their appearance earlier this year.—Occasional strollers are seen in Lovers' Lane.—Gardens look fine.—The roads have been slightly repaired.—The sparrows are thicker than ever.—What we want in this quiet rural hamlet are a post office, a store, a barber shop, a church, a decent school building, and a railroad station.—We expect to get them—not this year—some other year.—What we have got are splendid building sites, cheap lots for sale, good water, pure air, no chills, no dunes, no mosquitoes, no gin mills, a beautiful lake, fine shade trees, lots of pretty girls, and clever people who all read THE CITIZEN, and appreciate it highly.

**Personal.**—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Baxter are visiting Saratoga and Lake George.—R. K. Munkittrick of Puck is summing among us.—C. W. Powers, Jr., has been to Concord, N. H., on a brief business trip.—Misses Jennie and Julia Smith have gone to Babylon, L. I., for a few weeks.—Mr. Wm. Johnson is at Middletown, N. Y.—Messrs. Wm. and John Chambers start next week for Saratoga and the Adirondacks. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are at the former place.—Messrs. Nathan Russell and E. W. Sutton are erecting a summer cottage at

Point Pleasant, N. J.; they expect to move into it next week.

Mrs. and Miss Hardcastle are at the same place. Point Pleasant is becoming quite a popular resort for Bloomfielders.

Miss Emma Carter is visiting friends in Connecticut.

Prof. C. M. Davis has returned from his Colorado trip looking brown and well.

The Rev. John Ward, of Bloomfield, occupies the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Berry, of Caldwell, during his absence.

Mr. Robbins Little, Superintendent of the Astor Library, is summing in town.

Mr. John A. Lawrence, a resident of this town, and a member of the firm of Price & Lawrence, of Newark, has returned from his summer vacation. He has been spending a number of weeks among the mountains of Orange County, New York.

### The Bloomfield Fire Association.

A meeting of the Fire Association was held at Wilde's Hall, Monday evening last, at which certain amendments to the By-laws were proposed, a vote of approval taken, and the matter laid over for final adoption a month later.

They provide that two members of the Township Committee shall, ex-officio, be members of the Board of Trustees, and that the Fire Marshal shall be subject to approval by the Township Committee. This was done because of certain resolutions, passed by the Township Committee the week previous, constituting the "Bloomfield Fire Association" the "authorized fire department of the township," upon their adoption of the foregoing suggestions.

Several new members were elected, badges were distributed, and more badges ordered.

The badges are similar to those in use by the Trenton Fire Department, a neat shield of white metal surmounted by a fire hat, trumpet, etc., with the words "Bloomfield" and "Association" in black letters, and "Fire" in raised letters, each badge having a number in raised letters. The Trustees were authorized to arrange with N. Harvey Dodd for the temporary storage of the truck, and to lease a building for permanent quarters. On motion of Mr. Hardcastle, that a committee be appointed to examine and accept the truck, the President, after a few appropriate remarks, appointed N. Harvey Dodd, J. Howard Hardcastle, and Andrew J. Marsh.

After the Association adjourned the Truck Company held a meeting and elected James H. Way, Foreman, in place of Mr. Sabin. Mr. Way is well and favorably known, and has been connected with the Newark Fire Department.

The Truck Company now has its complement of members.

### A Dangerous Mantrap.

To The Bloomfield Citizen: The care and responsibility which a parent feels for the safety of his little ones should induce him to use every precaution and to expend, within his means, whatever is necessary to provide against dangers which may place their lives in peril.

Taking it for granted that every parent regards this subject as I do, and that all that is necessary is to point out the danger and its preventive, I beg to call attention to the hazard attending the exit of the children at our Centre school house, in case of fire or panic.

The main and best stairway in the front of the building is not only contracted, but tortuous; and this means of exit might be cut off in case of fire.

The various landings with the accompanying twists in the stairway would offer the necessary conditions not only to block exit, but to crush the children by the rush of those from behind.

As for the two spiral stairways, everybody knows that in case of panic they are veritable death traps; and I am surprised that they ever found a place in our public school building.

To this remedy I propose for this terrible probable danger and one which would be comparatively inexpensive, is to construct two external iron stairways on either side of the main building, with iron balconies on each of the upper floors—have them thoroughly fastened and capable of surely sustaining whatever weight they might be called upon to support; and there is ample exit afforded to these balconies from each floor.

Fire almost always occurs in the interior of a building, and the liability to suffocation by smoke is one of its greatest dangers. Once get the children outside of the burning building, and they will be comparatively free from immediate danger, and in a better position for rescue if needed.

I plead with our fellow townsmen to insist upon some such action before it is too late, and we are called upon to follow to the grave scores of little innocents, sacrificed to our lethargy and indifference.

R. W. G.

Bloomfield, July 24, 1883.

### The Watessing R. R. Depot.

To The Bloomfield Citizen: We do not wonder that your Watessing correspondent should use rather strong language regarding the R. R. accommodations at that place. "A thorn between two roses" might almost be said of this station. The subject must be all the more aggravating to the Watessingites, since Roseville and Bloomfield have lately received such extravagant attention at the hands of the D. L. & W. We remember when Watessing was in its infancy, and could then boast a wood shed for a depot, but now that she has grown into such adult proportions, and supplies each early morning train with from 25 to 60 passengers, it seems no more than right that the depot accommodations should be increased accordingly.

The present building looks well enough on the outside, but the inside appointments are entirely inadequate to the wants of the place. One small room about 12x12 for passengers, and a box with a hole in it for a ticket office, are the sum

total of inside conveniences; while on the outside the platform is short, narrow, uncovered, and can boast of only a coal bin and railing for seats. The obliging station agent has done his best to make the place attractive and popular, if not commodious. Singing birds, fancy fowls, morning glories, and sun flowers add to the beauties of the situation, and help to call off the mind and sense from other things less enjoyable.

It is, however, no more than justice to the R. R. officials to say that there seem to be two sides to even this apparently one sided question.

The superintendent in a very polite note to one of our citizens says: "We are ready to put a suitable station house at Watessing whenever the land necessary can be purchased at a reasonable rate. If the residents of the place would aid us in our efforts, they would soon be rid of the present inadequate station."

My own experience with the R. R. officials warrants me in saying that I believe the above declaration is sincere and well meaning, and that if the fair thing is done in selling the land by the interested parties, the people of Watessing will, ere long, have no just reason to complain, because of an inadequate or uncomely R. R. station.

### Whose Duty Is It?

To The Bloomfield Citizen: Can you give us any information as to whose duty it is to have the refuse stone and dirt around the Washington Street bridge removed? Should it be done by the contractor or the freshers, or the Township Committee? The condition in which it is left is not only an eye-sore to those having to pass it every day, but it is a disgrace to the town.

WEST END. AT THE WRONG DOOR.—At the Terrace baths last Sunday an impatient young man walked up to the door of one of the compartments, and knocking at the same testily inquired: "When in blazes are you going to get those trousers on?" There was a faint giggle and then a silvery voice replied: "When I get married, I suppose." He had mistaken the door; that's all.—San Francisco Post.

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